

Amendments to the claims:

Claims 1-15: (canceled)

16. (new) A system comprising a tool holder for holding at least a tool in the group consisting of a rotary hammer bit and a chisel bit and for holding an adapter which is distinct from the tool, wherein the tool holder comprises:

 a tool fitting body with a receiving region for receiving said tool, the receiving region forming a bearing surface for supporting the tool such that the tool may be inserted into the tool fitting body in an insert direction parallel to the bearing surface;

 centering means configured to center the adapter, said centering means having at least one centering surface that is separate from the bearing surface.

17. (new) The system as recited in claim 16, further comprising an adapter that may be inserted into the tool holder, wherein the adapter comprises:

 an inserting region that is provided to be inserted into the tool holder, wherein the inserting region abuts on said bearing surface of the tool holder when the adapter is mounted in the tool holder;

 a receiving region for receiving a check for a drill bit;
 centering means configured for centering the adapter with respect to the tool holder, the centering means having at least a centering surface being provided to correspond with said centering surface of the tool holder.

18. (new) The system as recited in claim 16, wherein the tool fitting body forms an end surface forming an opening for introducing said tool or the adapter into the receiving region of the tool fitting body and wherein said centering surface of the tool holder is situated at the end surface.

19. (new) The system as recited in claim 16, wherein said centering surface of the tool holder is inclined with respect to the bearing surface.

20. (new) The system as recited in claim 19, wherein said centering surface of the tool holder is oriented radially inward.

21. (new) The system as recited in claim 19, wherein said centering surface has a conical shape.

22. (new) The system as recited in claim 16, wherein the tool fitting body comprises a region of a hammer tube of a rotary hammer or a chisel hammer.

23. (new) The system as recited in claim 17, wherein said centering surface of the adapter is inclined with respect to the bearing surface when mounted.

24. (new) The system as recited in claim 23, wherein said centering surface of the adapter is conical.

25. (new) The system as recited in claim 17, wherein the inserting region of the adapter is a cylindrical region forming a bearing surface that abuts on said bearing surface of the tool holder when mounted, and wherein said centering means of the adapter is formed by a protrusion which extends in a radial direction over the cylindrical region.

26. (new) The system as recited in claim 17, wherein in the mounted state of the adapter in the tool holder, said centering surface of the adapter and said centering surface of the tool holder are pressed against each other causing centering to occur.

27. (new) The system as recited in claim 17, further comprising a hammer mechanism for driving the rotary hammer bit in a percussive fashion, wherein the rotary hammer bit mounted in the tool fitting body must be slid into the tool fitting body over an idle span distance from an idle position in which it is not driven in percussive fashion to an operating position in which the rotary hammer bit is drivable in percussive fashion, and further comprising a locking means provided to give to the adapter in the mounted state in the tool fitting body an axial mobility in said insert direction that is less than the idle span distance.

28. (new) The system as recited in claim 27, wherein the locking means comprises a means that is integrated into an end cap fastened to the tool fitting body.

29. (new) The system as recited in claim 28, wherein said means corresponds to an annular groove-shaped recess of the end cap.

30. (new) The system as recited in claim 28, wherein the locking means comprises a fastening means of the adapter, the fastening means engaging with said means of the end cap.

31. (new) The system as recited in claim 30, wherein the fastening means corresponds to a projection extending radially outward.